by the Agent and remaining in force from time to time will be continued to be paid to the Agent himself, or, in the event of his death, to his nominees or heirs, as the case may be, under certain conditions.

471. The combined effect of declaration of a high rate of bonus, reduction in premium rates and revision of commission rates is that it has favourably influenced the volume of new business underwritten during the year, amounting to nearly Rs. 1·82 crores, the highest ever underwritten from the inception of the scheme.

Progress in Mechanised Accounting.

472. The initial work connected with the scheme of mechanisation of the accounting system of the Department which has been undertaken by installation of accounting machinery costing Rs. 1,82,000 has been completed. Basic cards numbering about 1,60,000 for both the Official and Public Branches have been prepared. The Department has started implementing the scheme and a part of the accounting and statistical work has been taken up on the machines during the year.

Branch Offices.

473. The opening of a Branch Office at Mysore for a period of one year in the first instance has been sanctioned. The question of opening branches in other places is under consideration.

474. The construction of a building at Mysore for the Department has been sannctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 3·08 lakhs.

Popularising Insurance in Bellary District.

475. Several measures were undertaken to popularise Insurance Scheme in Bellary District. The question of appointing an Organiser is under consideration.

476. The business procured in Bellary District for the period was 120 proposals for an assurance of Rs. 1,72,450 in Public Branch.

Staff Insurance Scheme.

477. The Department has been endeavouring to popularise the Staff Insurance Scheme among the employees of Industrial Concerns.

(v) Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales).

478. Six importers, one wholesaler and 82 retailers registered themselves as dealers in petrol under Section 4 (1) of the Act, and three importers, one wholesaler and 48 retailers as dealers in motor spirit other than petrol.

REVENUE AND FINANCE

479. The number of monthly assessments made under petrol and Motor Spirit other than petrol were 1,805 and 851 respectively. Four hundred and twenty-six cases in petrol and 375 cases in Motor Spirit other than petrol were pending assessment at the close of the year.

480. Out of the total demand of Rs. 37,23,110 (Rs. 36,30,448) a sum of Rs. 35,86,249 (Rs. 33,73,359) was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 1,36,861 (Rs. 2,57,089) respectively.

481. In 40 cases, prosecutions were launched by the Sales Tax Officers.

482. No offences under the Act were reported by other departmental officers empowered with powers of Inspections under rule 29 of Motor Spirit (Taxation on Sales) Rules.

483. Out of 21 appeals received during the year, 19 cases were disposed of leaving a balance of 2 cases at the close of the year.

Appeals.

484. Out of arrears of Rs. 1,33,155 a sum of Rs. 49,471 was collected with the assistance of the Revenue Department under Section 7 (2) of the Act.

485. An additional demand of Rs. 16,804 was made under rule 26, over and above the demanded figures after the examination of the books of the dealers.

(vi) Stamps.

486. The total gross revenue from Stamps under all heads amounted to Rs. 81,61,955-14-0. A sum of Rs. 6,80,303-10-3 was deducted as refunds made under the Mysore Stamps Act and Rules of the value of Stamps spoiled, rendered useless, etc., as also under the Mysore Court Fees Act, of the value of spoiled Stamps, rebates, relief, etc., and adjustments on account of duty collected in the shape of Stamps while registering transfer of properties.

487. Out of the total revenue of Rs. 8,07,193-14-10 under Entertainment Tax Stamps, a sum of Rs 7,12,142-14-0 was given to Local Bodies by transfer credit. The revenue after effecting refunds and adjustments amounted to Rs. 67,69,508-5-9 and the expenditure incurred by the Stamp Department for its administration was Rs. 2,56,546. The net revenue was Rs. 65,12,962.